— The Government will have the right to exclude certain kind or varieties from registration to protect public order or public morality or human, animal and plant life and health or to avoid serious prejudice to the environment.

— National Seeds Board will specify minimum standards on germination, genetic and physical purity with respect to any seed of a registered kind or variety.

— The mark or lable on the seed consignment will indicate that such seed conforms to the minimum standards, as specified.

— For regulating sale of seeds, no person or dealer will be allowed to carry on the business of selling or supplying any seed which is not a registered kind/variety.

— Farmers will be exempted from the requirement to register their kinds or varieties.

— National Seeds Board or the State Government may accredit individuals or organizations to carry out certification, including self-certification on fulfillment of criteria prescribed by the Board.

— All seed processing units will require to be registered and to maintain minimum specifications.

— Import of seed for sale shall be permitted only of registered varieties. Registration of such varieties shall be granted on the basis of trial conducted from minimum period of 3 seasons in India.

— Any person intending to import seed or planting material will declare that such materials is, or is not, as the case may be, of transgenic character.

— Seed or planting material or transgenic nature will have to carry a declaration on their lable to this effect.

Agreement between KVS and EDCIL, Noida

374. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 597, given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 2000, and state:

(a) whether any written agreement for recruitment of Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers had been entered into between Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and EDCIL Noida, on 21st June, 1999;

(b) if so, its main conditions; and

(c) if not, the rationale thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) There was an exchange of letters between Ed. CIL and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) in the form of a detailed item-wise cost offered from Ed. CIL and a letter of intent from KVS, on the basis of which the Ed. CIL executed the work. Hence, the need of the instrument of agreement" was not felt since both are autonomous organisations under the Ministry. Besides, KVS had also sought a legal advice, and it had been opined that there was no need for any written agreement between the two.

Womens education in Gujarat

*375. *SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of voluntary organisations for spread of women's education in Gujarat during the last three years;

(b) the amount given and spent for the said purpose;

(c) the rules for conducting review of the said programme; and

(d) the efforts being made by the Centre for implementation of such programmes and the proportionate allocations to States?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development provides financial assistance to voluntary organisation throughout the country including those in the State of Gujarat, under various schemes for different educational activities including *inter-alia* women's education. Details of such grants of Rs. one lakh and above are generally given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry. Schemes generally have inbuilt mechanism for post-sanction monitoring and review. Periodic inspection visits are also conducted by the officers of the Ministry. A task force has also been constituted to monitor the working of NGOs. Most of the Central Schemes/ Programmes in the field of education are well known throughout the country. State Governments give these schemes wide publicity from time to time. The details of these schemes are also available on Department's website. Non-Governmental initiatives are encouraged to participate in different educational schemes. Consideration of proposals received from voluntary organisations, grant of financial assistance and implementation of their programmes are continual processes. The proposals